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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B and 9C. The sheets, which include Figs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7, 8, 9A, 9B and 9C, replaces the original sheets including Figs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B and 9C.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

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REMARKS

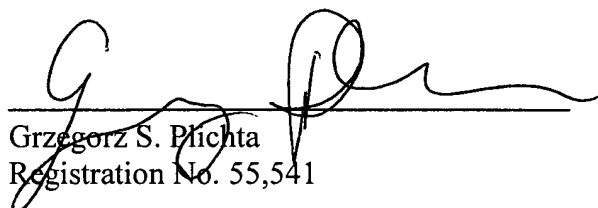
According to the present Office Action, claims 1-17, 22-38, 44-49, and 57-69 are pending in the application. These same claims stand rejected. However, the undersigned and Examiner Danh C. Le conducted a telephonic interview, on August 31, 2006, and came to an agreement that claims 1, 14, 22, and 36 patentably define over the cited art if the limitations of claim 4 are incorporated into these claims.

Thus, claims 1, 14, 22, and 36 have been amended accordingly. Any dependent claims are therefore also allowable: claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 (depending from claim 1); claims 15, and 16 (depending from claim 14); claims 23, 24, and 25 (depending from claim 22); and claims 37 and 38 (depending from claim 36).

Additionally, new claims 70-76 have been added, however, these claims are similar to the allowable claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7.

Lastly, in order to expedite prosecution, the Applicants have incorporated claim 4 limitations into claims 1, 14, 22, and 36, but without conceding the patentability of these claims in their original and unamended state. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, the undersigned can be contacted at 206-903-2461.

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